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SUBJECT: TURKEY/ COGNAC

1. IN REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO
PARTIALLY RESTORE COGNAC DUTIES, THE EC COMMISSION
CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
POULTRY ON DEC.1,1976. THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEVIES WERE
REVIEWED AND RAISED FOR SOME PRODUCTS, BUT NOT TO THE
LIMIT POSSIBLE BASED ON CURRENT US OFFER PRICES AND
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THE EC GATE PRICES.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEVIES FOR THE TURKEY PRODUCTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE US WERE SET AS FOLLOWS: (UA/100 KG) SLAUGHTERED WHOLE TURKEY 10 UNCHANGED; BONED POULTRY MEAT 30 UNCHANGED, BUT NOW ALSO APPLIED TO ISRAEL; HALVES AND QUARTERS 40 FROM NIL; TURKEY BREASTS 10 UNCHANGED; TURKEY DRUMSTICKS 35 UP FROM 30; TURKEY THIGHS 55 UP FROM 45 NOW ALSO APPLIED TO ISRAEL.

3. THE NEW SUPPLEMENTAL LEVIES ARE NOTICEABLY BELOW THE THEORETICAL DIFFERENCE OF US OFFER PRICES AND THE PRESENT GATE PRICE.

4. A CALCULATION USING AVERAGE US OFFER PRICES AND TOTAL IMPORT CHARGES SUGGESTS THAT THE NEW SUPPLEMENTAL LEVIES WERE SET AT A LEVEL WHICH WOULD ALLOW US DRUMSTICKS AND THIGHS TO ENTER THE EC OF PRICES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF COMPARABLE EC PRODUCTS.

5. HAD A SETTLEMENT OF THE TURKEY/COGNAC ISSUE BEEN ACHIEVED ON THE BASIS OF THE LAST EC OFFER, THE SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY COULD HAVE BEEN INCREASED TO ABOUT UA 49/100 KG FOR DRUMSTICKS AND ABOUT UA 70/100 KG FOR THIGHS. THIS CALCULATION IS BASED ON THE FULL DIFFERENCE OF THE PRESENT AVERAGE US OFFER PRICES AND THE GATE PRICES AND LEVIES WHICH WOULD HAVE RESULTED FROM THE PROPOSED CONVERSION FACTORS.

6. AN INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS OF THE NEW SUPPLEMENTAL LEVIES, AND OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES THAT US TRADE IN TURKEY PARTS IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE AT MUCH THE SAME LEVEL AS HERETOFORE.
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